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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <u>UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98(d)</u>

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are not being provided.

Applicant wishes to note the regulation set forth under 37 CFR 1.98(d) whereby a copy of any patent, publication or other information listed in an Information Disclosure Statement is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application(s), provided that the prior application(s) are properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Applicant wishes to note that the prior previous copending applications in which the Information Disclosure Statements were filed were Serial Number 10/188,656, which was filed on July 2, 2002, which is a continuation of 09/764,697 filed on January 18, 2001. Please note that all cited references noted on the enclosed PTO-1449 were provided in the 09/764,697 application.

As stated in the earlier Information Disclosure Statement none of the items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit to Deposit Account No. 08-2789. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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